

Log of flights -
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VWAW/Larry Turner 12/29/72 One should not chuckle about such a thing, but it reminds me, this transcript I'm glad to have from KPFA 12/21/72, of what Jim Cesar once told me, that one of the larger voids in the legal education today is that the lawyer emerges from all education without the slightest education in or understanding of investigations. Bud, who was a law prof and ran a Senate investigating committee, is a first-rate example. Alas, so is Turner. As soon as magnetometers started to appear, as soon as I got to an airport and checked in I asked for the marshals at the right gate so they could go over my attache case, which always held metal and always a tape recorder and recorded tapes. I always did this in advance, saying I had two reasons: their peace of mind before a press of passengers and my concern that my tapes not be erased. (I never could remember that one airport after another told me that the magnetometers do not erase!) I never parted with my attache case and there was no reason for Turner to. There is something wrong or missing. Legs say that you can carry on what will fit under the seat. So, after learning this, I got a larger attache case, as large as will fit. Generally they let me carry the t'write on and put it under another seat (more). Now you can carry on luggage that will hang, saving time at the end of the flight. When I learned this, I got such a flight bag. They now come with in-plane hangers attached. So, I can now and last May did travel with enough clothes to go two weeks without laundry, three suits and slacks-jacket sets, and t'writer and attache case and never check luggage in. Really speeds things up. I had clean clothes left at end trip. This was a very amateur business by Turner, which is not criticism, but says he lacks political-police experience. He should have known better. Besides, hostesses regularly check extra things, like a photographer's bag, which can go under seat and aren't be trusted to baggage smashers. Matt Herron's was so heavy he dragged in inside airports, but it never went into baggage. I've met him at airports and know. However, this happened to my checked luggage several times that I can recall, once leaving Minneapolis and once leaving Dallas, the first costing me the VOM tape recorder and a brand new t'writer, both wrecked with the most thorough professionalism. In both cases the airlines people were frank and told me that they could not believe what they'd been told. I probably told you about both. If I didn't, will. It is only on taking off and landing that brief cases, etc., must be under seats. recent years I've been typing in flight, too. HW 12/29/72